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### **EDUCATION**

Boston College Law School

*Juris Doctor Cum Laude*, May 2008

- Editor-in-Chief, Boston College Third World Law Journal
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Professional Responsibility
- Alumni Association Scholarship

Columbia University

*Bachelor of Arts* in History, May 2000

- Captain, Women's Varsity Crew
- Jackson Memorial Prize for Outstanding Scholarship and Rowing

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

New England Law | Boston

*Faculty Fellow*

*August 2021-Present*

- AY 2022-2023: Teaching Contracts I and II and a foundational Health Law course with a focus on how the law impacts health care access, cost, and quality
- AY 2021-2022: Taught Contracts I and II to first-year evening students, Remedies, and a Health Law Clinic for students participating in health law focused internships
- Serving on Rules, Orientation, and Student Placement Committees
- Mentoring and advising of students on course selection, career paths, and student wellness

Northeastern University School of Law

*Part-Time Lecturer*

*May 2021-August 2021*

- Taught Nonprofit Law to upper level students, with a focus on analyzing the role of nonprofit law in shaping and reflecting societal values

Brandeis University, Legal Studies Program

*Joshua A. Guberman Teaching Fellow and Lecturer*

*September 2020-December 2020*

- Led two weekly discussion sections for introductory legal studies course exploring the impact of law on society and justice

### **TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Contracts
- Nonprofit Organizations; Governance; Business Organizations
- Tax
- Health Law; Bioethics
- Transactional and Health Experiential Education

## **PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- *Time to Flip the Tables: Board Diversity and the Fiduciary Duties of Non-Profit Directors* (Forthcoming in Temple Law Review)
- *A Real Seat at the Table: Identity Capitalism and State Law Efforts to Diversify Corporate Boards*, 56 New Eng. L. Rev. 141 (2022)
- *Fulfilling the Promise?: When Humanitarian Obligations and Foreign Policy Goals Conflict in the United States*, Book Review, 27 B.C. Third World L.J. 477 (2007)

## **COLLOQUIA & OTHER SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Panelist, Center for Business Law, New England Law Boston, Faculty Colloquium, “Unpacking the Patagonia Transaction,” March 23, 2023
- Moderator, “The Future of Healthcare: Our World After *Dobbs*,” Panel Discussion hosted by the NELB Women’s Law Caucus and If/When/How, January 25, 2023
- Panelist, American Association of Law Schools, 2023 Annual Meeting, New Teachers Section Panel, “Beginnings, Middles, Endings: Ideas for Your Classes and Your Courses,” January 4, 2023
- Speaker, New England Law Review Spring Symposium, “Identity Capitalists: The Powerful Insiders Who Exploit Diversity to Maintain Inequality Featuring Professor Nancy Leong,” March 31, 2022

## **LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Office of General Counsel

*Associate General Counsel*

*October 2016-June 2021*

*Assistant General Counsel*

*May 2013-September 2016*

- Provided strategic advice on the institution’s 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, including joint venture structures, unrelated business taxable income, establishment of special purpose entities, compliance with hospital community benefit requirements, political and lobbying activities, and IRS Form 990 reporting
- Negotiated and drafted multi-service professional service arrangements, educational affiliation agreements, and other vendor contracts
- Partnered with faculty and administrative leaders on global expansion of educational and consulting activities in Asia, South America, and Middle East
- Advised on employment issues, including retirement plan oversight, employee benefits, and faculty and executive hiring; managed successful DOL audit
- Counseled philanthropy office on novel fundraising activities, compliance with charitable solicitation requirements, estate litigation, and complex current use and planned gifts
- Partnered with business leaders to draft, maintain, and ensure compliance with policies on issues including mandatory abuse reporting and patient financial assistance
- Provided strategic counsel to key committees of the Board of Trustees, including the Compensation, Audit and Compliance, and Conflict of Interest Oversight Committees

- Advised on nonprofit governance, including managing staff and board member conflicts of interest and restructuring a multi-member supporting organization
- Managed student co-op program with Northeastern University School of Law

Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP

*Tax Associate*

*September 2008-April 2013*

*Summer Associate*

*May 2007-August 2007*

- Counseled educational, health care, and cultural organizations on nonprofit governance, fundraising, bond financing, lobbying and political activities, conflicts of interest, executive compensation, property tax, scholarships, and grant making issues
- Represented businesses and individuals in compliance matters before the IRS
- Advised employers on the formation and operation of qualified retirement plans and executive compensation plans
- Served on firm Diversity and Hiring Committees

U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the General Counsel

*Employment and Labor Law Division Intern*

*June 2006-August 2006*

- Drafted management advisory memo on the Privacy Act and HIPAA; prepared motions for summary judgment in age, gender, and disability discrimination claims

**ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Brandeis University

*Head Coach, Men's and Women's Club Rowing Team*

*September 2003-May 2007*

- Facilitated 50-member club rowing program in collaboration with student leaders and assistant coaches; planned and implemented water practices and winter training

*Interdisciplinary Seminar Coordinator*

*March 2003-June 2005*

- Managed a 2-year, \$600,000 grant for interdisciplinary faculty development program; advised students on educational resources and interdisciplinary program requirements

U.S. Peace Corps, Mozambique

*Lead Teacher Trainer & Secondary School English Teacher*

*October 2000-December 2002*

- Taught English as a foreign language to over 600 Portuguese-speaking students
- Developed and directed a 10-week teacher training program for 40 new Peace Corps Volunteers

**CIVIC & CHARITABLE**

- Senior Warden, *Grace Episcopal Church, Newton* (2023-present)
- *Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts*, Board of Directors (2016-2022), Chair of the Governance Committee (2020-2022), Chair of the Risk Management and Compliance Committee (2017-2019)
- *Women's Bar Foundation of Massachusetts*, Board of Trustees, (2011-2017), President (2015), Emeritus Board (2019-present)
- *Boston Bar Association*, Tax-Exempt Section Steering Committee (2022-present)
- *Boston Philanthropic Advisors Roundtable*, Steering Committee Member (2010-2013)